

DOCKET NO.: SPOF-0003/PA133530US

PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE #4

## In Re Application of:

Johannes Hermanus Potgieter and Patrick

Desmond Fourie

Confirmation No.: 7209

Application No.: 10/521,223

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Filing Date: September 7, 2005

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: FUEL THEFT DETECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD

DATE OF DEPOSIT: September 29, 2005

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS BEING  
DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL  
SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID,  
ON THE DATE INDICATED ABOVE AND IS  
ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA,  
VA 22313-1450

*Wendy A. Choi*  
TYPED NAME: Wendy A. Choi  
REGISTRATION NO.: 36,697

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed. Inclusion of information in this statement is not to be construed as an admission that this information is material as that term is defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b).

- ☒ In accordance with § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed either within three months of the filing date of the above-identified

application, within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of the above identified application as set forth in § 1.491, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of request for continued examination under § 1.114, no additional fee is required.

- ☐ In accordance with § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the period set forth in § 1.97(b) above but before the mailing date of either a Final Action under § 1.116 or a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, or before an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, therefore:

- ☐ Certification in Accordance with § 1.97(e) is attached; or
- ☐ The fee of \$180.00 as set forth in § 1.17(p) is attached.

- ☐ In accordance with § 1.97(d), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of either a Final Action under § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311 but before, or simultaneously with, the payment of the Issue Fee, therefore included are: Certification in Accordance with § 1.97(e); and the submission fee of \$180.00 as set forth in § 1.17(p).

- ☒ Copies of reference numbers **3, 4** listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

- ☒ Copies of reference numbers **1, 2** on the attached Form PTO 1449 are not required to be submitted pursuant to the waiver of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(i).

- ☐ Copies of references - are not being submitted because they were previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in patent application number , filed for

application, within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of the above identified application as set forth in § 1.491, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of request for continued examination under § 1.114, no additional fee is required.

- ☐ In accordance with § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the period set forth in § 1.97(b) above but before the mailing date of either a Final Action under § 1.116 or a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, or before an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, therefore:

- ☐ Certification in Accordance with § 1.97(e) is attached; or  
☐ The fee of \$180.00 as set forth in § 1.17(p) is attached.

- ☐ In accordance with § 1.97(d), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of either a Final Action under § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311 but before, or simultaneously with, the payment of the Issue Fee, therefore included are: Certification in Accordance with § 1.97(e); and the submission fee of \$180.00 as set forth in § 1.17(p).

- ☒ Copies of reference numbers 3, 4 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

- ☒ Copies of reference numbers 1, 2 on the attached Form PTO 1449 are not required to be submitted pursuant to the waiver of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(i).

- ☐ Copies of references - are not being submitted because they were previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in patent application number , filed for

DOCKET NO.: SPOF-0003/PA133530US- 3 -

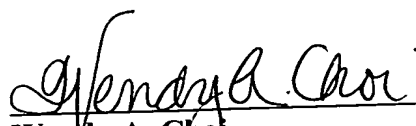
PATENT

which a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 has been made in the  
instant application.

English language abstracts have been provided for reference(s) 3, which is not in the  
English language.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-  
3050. This form is submitted in duplicate.

Date: September 29, 2005

  
Wendy A. Choi  
Registration No. 36,697

WOODCOCK WASHBURN LLP  
One Liberty Place - 46th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Telephone: (215) 568-3100  
Facsimile: (215) 568-3439

© 2005 WW

**Form PTO-1449 Modified**

List of Patent and Publications  
Cited by Applicant  
(Use several sheets if necessary)

U.S. Department of Commerce  
Patent and Trademark Office

Docket No.  
**SPOF-0003/PA133530US**

Application No.  
**10/521,223**

Applicant  
**Johannes Hermanus Potgieter and Patrick  
Desmond Fourie**

Filing Date  
**September 7, 2005**

Group  
**Not Yet Assigned**

Confirmation No.  
**7209**

**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial		Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Subclass
	1	4,292,620	09/29/81	Pagane	340	63
	2	4,353,245	10/12/82	Nicolai	73	49.2

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial		Document No.	Date	Country	Translation	
					YES	NO
	3	DE 44 22 889 A1	08/10/95	Germany	X(Abstract)	
	4	GB 2 338 308 A	12/15/99	United Kingdom		
<b>EXAMINER</b>				<b>DATE CONSIDERED</b>		